

REMARKS

In the Office Action¹, the Examiner rejected claims 25, 26, and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended claims 25, 26, and 30 and canceled claims 28 and 29. Claims 25, 26, and 30 remain pending and under current examination.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner entered the amendments filed March 5, 2007, but maintained the rejection of pending claims 25, 26, and 30 without comments or a reason why the previous claim amendments did not overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

Applicants have amended claims 25, 26, and 30 to further clarify the claimed subject matter. Applicants submit that claims 25, 26, and 30 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 25, 26, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejections. Pending claims 25, 26, and 30 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants request a favorable action.

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

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